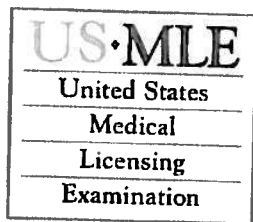


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Dear Dr. Katz:

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Disability Services

I am in receipt of your letter and supporting documents, received by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), dated April 1, 2014.


With respect to your request for an exception to the USMLE policy that limits the number of attempts on the Step and Step components, the imposition of the attempt limit was widely disseminated well ahead of the implementation date through USMLE and ECFMG publications.

Additionally, individuals, such as yourself, who already had prior USMLE exam attempts, were given an additional one year, until January 1, 2013, beyond the effective date of January 1, 2012 for new examinees. While your dedication to the field of medicine is admirable, your request for an additional attempt at Step 1 cannot be granted. However, you do remain eligible to take Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS.

According to the USMLE *Bulletin of Information*, the only exception to this policy identified by the USMLE Composite Committee (the governing body of the USMLE program) involves state medical boards. The policy includes a provision to allow examinees who have six or more attempts at a Step or component to have an additional attempt if so requested by a state medical board that is fully informed of the individual's prior examination history.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (215) 590-9877 or e-mail me at USMLESec@nbme.org.

Sincerely,


Amy Buono
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